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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: PREPARATION OF JOINT TEXT

1. AT BEGINNING OF JANUARY 8 MEETING OF WORKING GROUP

TURKISH TEAM CHAIRMAN ASULA CONFIRMED THAT HE WISHED TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF A JOINT TEXT WITH LANGUAGE TABLED BY EACH PARTY AND NOT AGREED BY OTHER IN BRACKETS FOR SUBMISSION TO "PLENARY" NO LATER THAN JANUARY 16. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL AND AMBASSADOR MIGHT THEN CHOOSE BETWEEN BRACKETED LANGUAGE. SUBSEQUENTLY, ASULA DISCUSSED NEW DRAFT ARTICLES TABLED BY U.S. TEAM

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(SEPTELS) IN CONTEXT OF PREPARING SUCH A JOINT TEXT.

2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH U.S. TEAM CHAIRMAN, ASULA AFFIRMED THAT HIS INTENTION WAS NOT RPT NOT TO CONVENE FORMAL PLENARY SESSION. ON CONTRARY, SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG PLANNED "PRIVATE" MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR AT WHICH ONE OR TWO AIDES BUT NOT RPT NOT TURKISH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE PRESENT. ELEKDAG, ASULA CONTINUED, MIGHT IN THIS FORUM BE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON DISPUTED LANGUAGE WHICH COULD NOT RPT NOT BE REACHED IN WORKING GROUP SESSIONS AND WOULD ALSO HAND AMBASSADOR A NEW DRAFT ARTICLE ON IMPORTATION, WHICH ASULA SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO TABLE. SECRETARY GENERAL AND AMBASSADOR MIGHT ALSO RETURN CERTAIN PROBLEMS TO WORKING GROUP WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, ASULA EXPLAINED, NOTING THAT WORKING GROUP WOULD THEREFORE PROBABLY CONTINUE ITS SESSIONS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE MAY WELL HAVE OTHER REASONS FOR REFERRING UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS TO PRINCIPALS, ASULA HAS PRIVATELY IMPLIED THAT THIS WILL ENABLE HIM TO BY-PASS TURKISH MIDDLE MILITARY ECHELONS WHICH PREVENT FURTHER PROGRESS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ELEKDAG HOPES TO MOVE PROBLEMS TO HIGHEST LEVELS OF TGS. IN VIEW OF THESE POSSIBILITIES, WE HAVE AGREED TO ASULA'S PROPOSAL.
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